(c) whether Government of India gives clearance/permission before such staff is posted in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The legal Attache Office in the Embassy of United State in New Delhi is manned by two FBI officers. They can not carry out independent investigations into offences committed in India. The posting of such officers to India is done as per the standard diplomatic procedures for posting and accreditation of diplomatic officials of foreign missions in India.

Generation of Power through Bio-Mass

3266. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any Plan for generation of energy/power through bio-mass;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for power generation through bio-mass during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any subsidy is being given to manufacturers of bio-mass gasification kits and also for consumers who buy these kits; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is emplementing programmes on bio-mass power generation, bagasse cogeneration and bio-mass gasification. A capacity of 432 MW has so far been installed under these programmes. During the Ninth Plan, Central Financial Assistance was provided in the form of capital subsidy or interest subsidy depending on the type of project. Other promotional incentives were also available for development of projects, capacity building awareness creation, etc.

(c) and (d) Targets of 1000 MW for bio-mass power and cogeneration projects, and 160 MW for bio-mass gasification projects, have been proposed for the Tenth Plan.

(e) and (f) During the Ninth Plan, capital subsidy ranging from 30% to 60% was provided for bio-mass gasifiers for electrical, mechanical and thermal applications, depending upon the capacity of the plant, and various categories of users. No direct subsidy was given to manufacturers of bio-mass gasifier equipment.

Solar Lantern Programme in A.P.

3267. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the solar lantern programme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the solar lanterns distributed in the State up to 31st December, 2001, district-wise; and

(d) what incentives are being given to the purchasers of such lanterns, who are generally poor villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a country-wide Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Programme for the promotion of SPV systems in all the States, including Andhra Pradesh. The programme covers various SPV systems including solar lanterns. In Andhra Pradesh, the programme is being implemented through the Non-Conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NEDCAP) Limited, Hyderabad. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources provides a subsidy of Rs. 1300 per solar lantern for the users. The District-wise details of the solar lanterns supplied to the beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh up to 31st December, 2001 under this Programme is given in the Statement. (*see* below)

In addition, the Ministry also provided subsidy for solar lanterns distributed under the Chandrakanthi Programme implemented by the State Government in Karimnagar district. Under this scheme, a total of 3545 solar lanterns were distributed in Karimnagar during 2000-01 and 2001-02, by offering subsidy from the Ministry and loan from banks for a part of the balance cost.